

REMARKS

The Examiner's allowance of the present application is noted with appreciation. Unfortunately applicant could not submit information cited in a co-pending foreign application within the three month time period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(d). MPEP 609.04(b)III states "If an applicant chose not to comply, or could not comply, with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(d), the applicant may file a RCE under 37 CFR 1.114...to have the information considered by the examiner." Therefore, applicant is hereby filing a Request for Continued Examination and respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the information disclosed in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith.


The applicant believes that none of the information is closer to presently allowed claims than the prior art already cited by the Examiner. Applicant particularly wishes to point out that in U.S. Patent No. 6,017,200, the two heads 88, 96 have the same swept volume. Piston 128 is actually part of the hydraulic pump which actuates the system; it is not a feed head or retentate head and therefore does not anticipate or render obvious the presently allowed claims, which clearly require that the primary feed head comprises a different swept volume than the secondary retentate head.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the art cited herewith, the case is still in condition for allowance and same is respectfully requested. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner believes that prosecution of this application might be expedited by discussion of the issues, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned agent for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Authorization is given to charge payment of any additional fees required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Acct. 13-4213.

Respectfully submitted,

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